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THE

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OF THE

PRISONERS

AT THE

Sessions-House in the Old Bayly;

Which began there on *Wednesday* the 6th of this Instant *September*, (*1682*)
and ended on *Thursday* the 7th of the same.

But more remarkably of the Pewterer, who was Tryed for Killing the
Boy in *Walbrook*.

Together with the Bailiffs Tryals for Killing a Man upon an Arrest.

As likewise the Account of those Condemned, Burnt in the Hand, and
to be Whipt; with many other Remarkable Passages.

September 6. This Day the Sessions of Oyer and Terminer for London and Middlesex began in the Old Bayly, where the Proceedings were these sequent.

A *NN Parkinson* was Indicted for Robbing *Sarah Puzny* of several pieces of Plate, a Mantua Gown, pieces of Gold, and a considerable quantity of Silver Coin, all amounting to upwards of 50 pounds; a great part of which was found in her Custody, and at such places where she had pawned them; and it being evident that she Confessed the Robbery since her Imprisonment, she was found Guilty, though she pleaded that they were given her to sell by a Woman that owed her Money.

John Clifford received his Tryal for taking a *Queen Elizabeth* Piece of Gold out of the Pocket of *John Paine*, a Person who came to lodge at an Inn, where he was under-Ostler, which he had disposed of to a Goldsmith for 25 Shillings, at first he denied it, but afterwards said he

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found it, but that availed him nothing, for he was found Guilty.

Richard Trebarford upon his Arraignment for stealing a Tankard, laid in the Indictment at 10 l. pleaded Guilty, he having been an old Offender, once burnt in the hand, and once pardoned.

Peter Hodges, and *Robert Rogers* were Tried for breaking open the House of *Richard Saresat Elin*, and taking away Linnen and Woollen, wearing Apparel, Puter, Curtains, and other things of worth, upon which, being pursued on their way to *London*, they were overtaken, one with the bundle upon his back, and the other accompanying him; but being asked what they could say for themselves, *Rogers* said that he accidentally overtook the other, not knowing what he had got, and the other said that what he had, was delivered to him by a strange man to carry to *Brainford*, for which he was to have 6 d. but being both trapp'd in their Tails, they were Convicted of the Felony and Burglary.

Martin Aubery being brought to the Bar, and Arraigned, robbing his Lodgings of Sheets, Napkins, Curtains and other things, ingeniously confessed the Fact.

Samuel Neve was Tried for stealing a Horse and Mare from two Persons at *Brudly* in *Glocestershire*, which he, together with another Person who is since dead in Prison, brought to the *Black-Lyon Inn* in *Water-Lane*, *Fleet-street*, and the Ostler owned the Horse to be his, though upon his Tryal he absolutely denyed that he had any thing to do with either of them, but that he travelling for *London*, the Person deceased overtook him near *Henly*, riding on the Mare, and leading the Horse, whereupon he for two Shillings bargained with him to let him ride to *London*, but the Jury would not believe his apology, but found him Guilty.

Jeffrey Coleman was Tried for robbing *John Fann* of *Hornzey* on the 12th of *August* last, of Iron and Cloath, part of which he confessed, and the whole being prov'd to be taken about him, he was found Guilty of the Felony.

Mary Dakins, Alias *Wilson*, was Tried for having two Husbands, *viz.* *Wilson*, and *Hambleton*, the former being the prosecutor, and the latter not appearing to *Wilson*, as he declared she was first Married, it being about 7 years since, and that to the latter she had not been Married above a year, but she being asked what she could say for her self, utterly disowned the latter Marriage, saying her Husband prosecuted maliciously on purpose to take away her Life to espouse one he loved better, and he on the other side produced her Examination, taken before a Justice of Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, in which she had confessed both Marriages, but she utterly denied it; so that the Jury upon hearing both Parties, brought her in not Guilty.

James Farrel and *Robert Hunly* were Tried for Murdering one *John Price* a Brickmaker at *Hammer-smith* about the middle of the last Month, the nature of the Fact being this: The two Persons Tried came into a Viſualling House, and called for drink, and afterwards a pack of Cards, but the latter was refused them, whereupon one of them pulled out a pack, and went into the next Room, where several Persons were drinking, and invited them to play, of which invitation some accepted of, which number the party killed was one, and after some time playing, one of the Countrymen told the Prisoner they were Cheats,

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Cheats, and knew the Cards as well as themselves, which so iracitated them, that they drew their Swords, and made several passes, amongst which one made by *Farrel* entered 10 Inches into the body of *Price*, of which wound he then and there instantly died; the Prisoners endeavoured to excuse themselves by laying it upon each other, and pleading no Malice, fore-thought, but the Fact being attended with such evil circumstances, the Jury brought them in both Guilty of Wilful Murther.

Thomas White was Tryed for breaking open the dwelling House of one *Mr. Hull* in the Parish of *St. Clements Danes*, and feloniously taking away Puter, Brass, and such like Household Goods to a good value, many of them as by Evidence it appeared, being found in his Custody, or where he had disposed of them, so that he having little to say for himself, the Jury found him Guilty.

Mr. Poltney pleaded his Pardon, and had it allowed, he having been Tryed the last Sessions for killing one *Mr. Howard* in *St. James's Square*, upon which Tryal, the Jury brought it in *se defendendo*.

Catherine Arnold was Tryed for Robbing the House of one *Finch* her Brother-in-Law, and in the Indictment things of great value specified, but upon her Tryal only two Puter Porringers being proved to have been found in her Custody, and those she alledged her Sister in her life time gave her, and she bringing proof of her reputation, the Jury acquitted her.

Simon Beale was Tryed for picking two pockets on Ship-board, one of a shilling, and the other of one shilling nine pence, but he pleaded he found the Money upon the Deck, but appearing he had no business on Board, and that being pursued, he fled; the Jury found him Guilty.

Ann Cross was Tryed for stealing 800 Cony-Skins from *Andrew Davis* on the 16 of *August* last, the Evidence swore that the Prisoner coming to the Shop of the aforesaid *Andrew Davis*, in his absence riced a youth that he had intrusted there to let her come in; which he at first refused, but being tempted with some Money she gave him, he at last consented, and when she was in it, being the dusk of the evening, she packed up the skins in a Bag, and carried them away, several of her Neighbours likewise gave testimony against her, that she was a naughty Woman, and had inticed Children oft to Rob their Parents, but she utterly denying the Fact, for which she stood Indicted, and there being no proof but the Youths, and he in all likelyhood her Confederate, she was acquitted.

A Motion was made by Counsel for the King, that one *Richard Reynolds* Prisoner in *Newgate*, for being Active in the late *Scotch* Rebellion, might not be tryed at this Sessions, it being intended that he shall be sent for *Scotland*, there to be tryed.

Thomas Gascone was Tryed upon two Indictments for stealing Cloaths, and other things of considerable value on the second of *July* last, several of which were found about him, but alledged that he bought them, but could nor prove of whom he bought um; so that upon consideration of all the circumstances and positive evidence, the Jury found him Guilty.

John How being brought to the Bar for stealing a Silver Tankard, and other things of good worth, upon his being ordered to plead to his Indictment, pleaded Guilty.

William Cook, and *William Chapman*, two Extermen, were tryed for stealing

stealing as much silk as came to twenty shillings out of a Bale, which they were stowing in their Lyter, to which they returned answer that they had no intent to steal it, but that upon turning the Bale, it dropped out, and that they put it into their Breeches only to secure it whilst they had done work, intending then to return it, but it being apparent that they concealed it upon inquiry, they were both convicted of the Felony.

Mary Aubry was Tryed for stealing Silks and other things to a great worth, which she sold in *Long lane*, & other places, & being known a notorious Shoplift, she was found Guilty.

Ann Paxson was Tryed for robbing a House in *St. Dunstons* in the East, on the 16 of July last, and feloniously taking away Gowns, Petticoats, pieces of Plate, Spoons, Porrengers, Sheets, and other things, she being Servant in the said House, and doing the Robbery in her Masters absence.

A Woman was Indicted for Marrying a second Husband during the Life of her first, but only the first Marriage appearing on Evidence, and neither Minister nor Sexton being there to prove the second, although it was alledged to be contracted at *St. Catharines Church* by the Tower, she denying any Husband but he that prosecuted her, she was acquitted.

John Cox being Indicted for stealing a Silver Tankard, valued at 3 pounds, pleaded Guilty; there also was in the same Indictment one *John Lacy*, but upon his pleading that he went away with it unknown to him, under pretence of going down stairs to have it filled again, the Jury acquitted him.

Ralph Bentum the Pewterer in *Walbrook*, was tryed for killing *Andrew Williams* a Joyners Boy, the substance of the Tryal as the Evidence deposed, was, that the Lad in the company of some others came to take away the wood designed for a Bonfire, on the 29 of May last, and Assaulting those that kept it, Mr. *Bentum* came out with a Staff, and endeavoured to disperse them, when amongst the rest he struck this *Williams* over the head, giving him two wounds, of which he languished for some time, but his wounds being heal'd up, he was sent into the Country, and after that returning to *London*, fell sick of a malignant Feavour, of which on the 28 of August he died, several able Physicians and Chyrurgions were examined, some of which affirmed that the Feavour was occasioned by the wounds, and others the contrary, each producing the reasons that induced them to such their belief, when as the Jury going out, upon their return found the Prisoner guilty of Manlaughter.

Ferdinando Hews, *Dorothy Watson*, and *Elizabeth Ways*, were Tryed for Clipping of the Lawful and currant Coin of *England*, it appearing upon Evidence that the latter had often dealt with the Witness (who was a Salters Man) for broad Monies, giving him in Exchange 21 s. and 6 d. of Clipped Money for 20 s. of the other, but there being but a single evidence, which in case of Treason cannot attain any person, they were acquitted.

Thomas Stocdale was Tryed and found Guilty for taking a Box of Cloaths from a Boy in the Parish of *St. Bartholomew the Great*, under pretence of helping him to carry it, of which Felony he was found Guilty.

Ralph Saunderson was Tryed for stealing a Tankard from *John Wheatly* in *Holbourn*, on the 5th of August, for he coming to drink, took his opportunity to set down a Pewter Tankard, and carry away the Silver one, for which being taken some time after, he was committed, and on his Tryal found Guilty.

Francis Finamo, *John Pancas*, and *Mary* his Wife were Indicted for the Murther of *Joseph Fenn*, whom for being a Marshals Officer, having arrested him, and he seeming unwilling to go with him, they all fell upon him, and throwing him down, and bruised him, so that for several weeks he spit blood, and then died, so that upon the Tryal *Pancas* and his Wife were found Guilty of Manlaughter, & *Finamo* Acquitted.

At this Sessions were nine Persons who received Sentence of Death, viz. *James Farrel*, *Rob. Hurling*, *Per. Hodger*, *Rob. Rogers*, *Richard Wolley*, *Tho. Stocdale*, *Hester Vareright*, *Mary Pancus*, and *Ann Parkason*; 10 burnt in the Hand, 4 to be Whipp'd. An. Co ended the Sessions.

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